

**Frederick County Child Health Partnership  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 23, 2010**

- I. Present: Tammy O'Connor, YMCA  
Darylle Smoot, GSCNC  
Angie Blair, FCHD  
Burneda Russell, FCHD  
Adrianna Roa, DLI  
Dan Nallo, YMCA  
Christa Williams, FCPS
- II. New Member: Adriana Roa, Director of Health Programs for The Diversity Leadership Institute (DLI). DLI is a non profit, nonpartisan, 501(c) 3 organization that addresses disparities in educational achievement and healthcare access in underserved communities.
- III. Discussion regarding the Partnership's mission and goals:
  - a. The group agreed that the mission is broad and the members have not been able to clearly support the mission as a whole due to other job responsibilities. However, the individual organizations that are represented are doing things that are in line with the mission and goals.
    - i. Angie Blair shared that the Diabetes Coalition is sponsoring the Restaurant Challenge in November. The challenge is for some area restaurants to add healthy meal options to their menus.
    - ii. Tammy O'Connor stated the YMCA Healthy Kids Day is scheduled for May 21, 2011. Each Partner organization is welcome to participate and share information with the community.
    - iii. Darylle Smoot shared that one of the Partnership's goals could be achieved by a Girl Scout's Gold Award community service project. It was suggested that girls who choose to start a community vegetable garden, could seek help from Master Gardeners through the Maryland Cooperative Extension Office.
    - iv. Christa Williams will be meeting with the head of the FCPS food service department and she will share the Snack Wise results.
    - v. Adriana Roa announced that DLI is partnering with Goodwill for a seminar on childhood obesity. The event is targeted for the Hispanic community and it is tentatively scheduled for a weekend in April 2011. They are also partnering with Frederick Memorial Hospital for a Frederick Family Olympic event. It was suggested that this happens in September 2011, as September is National Child Obesity Month. They would like community partners to sponsor a sports challenge at the Olympic event.
- IV. How can this Partnership be more effective given the members' demanding schedules and our lack of funding? What will be the Partnership's role in the community going forward? Members are asked to give their feedback as to how they would like to participate with the Partnership.

- a. It was suggested that the Partnership become a vessel for information sharing and that we don't have to duplicate the efforts of the individual Partner organizations.
  - i. The Partnership can meet quarterly to share what is going on in the community and to solicit help and/or collaboration from Partner organizations.
  - ii. The Partnership can create a blog or some other virtual communication tool to share information and to solicit help and/or collaborations.
    - 1. There may be an opportunity with the new virtual newspaper, want2dish.com
- b. The Partnership can continue monthly meetings next year, taking a different course of action.

V. FCCHP New Chair for 2011

- a. We are in need of a new chair or co-chairs for the Partnership.
- b. Darylle will contact Dr. Douge' regarding this matter.

**Next meeting**

**Thursday, October 28, 2010, 9:30 – 10:30 at the YMCA Program House.**